

# INAC Social Development Policy & Procedures Manual

## BC Region: Income Assistance Program

### Community Volunteer Supplement

#### Chapter 9.1 Special Allowances Policy

**“Community volunteer supplements (CVS)** are intended for Income Assistance Recipients who are unable to enter an employment or training plan at the present time, but who wish to pursue a volunteer placement and engage in community services to enhance their future employability. More than one member of a family may receive a community volunteer supplement provided they are eligible recipients. Eligible persons may continue to receive the community volunteer supplement as long as they are participating in a community volunteer activity.”

“Community volunteer supplements may be issued to recipients participating in voluntary and non-compensatory employment. Placements may be made in non-profit organizations, private agencies, government offices, and private sector businesses. Such placements must not displace regular staff. Union officials are to be consulted when appropriate.”

#### Eligibility

An Income Assistance recipient who is a Single Parent, PWD, COPH, OR PPMB “temporarily excused” from employment & 15 years and older in a family unit (If the volunteer is under 19 years of age, ensure that the parent or legal guardian has signed the form for the underage client.)

NOT eligible are those who are participating in an Aboriginal Service and Employment Training (ASETS) program or Work Opportunity Program (WorkOp) and those who are deemed “employable”.

Maximum supplement amount is \$100.00 per month for a maximum of six (6) months payment only and must complete a minimum of ten (10) hours per month.

There is a *Community Volunteer Supplement Contract* that must be completed by the IA Recipient and the non-compensatory employment agency. Forms can be picked up at T’it’q’et Administration office or you can download the PDF copy. You can talk to your Social Development worker to learn more if you have any questions.